



Virginia Aviation Board Meeting Minutes **DECEMBER 18, 2002**

MINUTES OF THE VIRGINIA AVIATION BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 18, 2002, 9:00 A.M.
THE WYNDHAM HOTEL, 4700 SOUTH LABURNUM AVENUE, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23231

MEMBERS PRESENT

George P. Ramsey, III, Chairman
John G. Dankos, Jr.
John V. Mazza, Jr.
Robert H. Neitz
William J. Kehoe
Emmitt Yeary
Roger L. Oberndorf

OTHERS PRESENT

The Honorable Whittington Clement, Secretary of Transportation; Mr. Ralph Davis, Deputy Secretary of Transportation

Airport Managers, Sponsors, Consultants, Engineers, State Government Representatives, Business Owners, City & County Representatives, and Federal Government Representatives.

General Meeting

Chairman Ramsey called the meeting to order. The minutes from the October 2002 Board Meeting were approved.

Mr. Bill Jeffries, DOAV, presented the aviation safety report. He reported that two accidents had occurred in October 2002, and three in November 2002, with two fatalities. He talked about various safety-related events coming up in the next several months. Mr. Jeffries also announced that this would be his last Board meeting, as he would be retiring as of January 1, 2003.

Mr. Terry Page, FAA, reported on the status of the federal Airport Improvement Program. He mentioned a recent meeting in New York among FAA managers where they had discussed overall funding for airport improvement projects, including those in Virginia. Discretionary funding for airport projects in the Eastern Region (states from New York, south to Virginia, and west to West Virginia) was allocated based on those projects with the highest propriety in the federal system. This change in the method of allocating funding in the region eliminated some Virginia projects for the current year and possibly for the foreseeable future.

Mr. Charles Macfarlane, DOAV Director, updated the Board on negotiations with the Department of Taxation concerning the collection of the Aircraft Sales and Use Tax. He mentioned that on Tuesday, December 17, 2002, he and several DOAV personnel attended a ribbon cutting in Danville for the airport's

new ramp and to see the new SATSNET program. Danville is the first airport in the country to be online with this program. He discussed a new informational packet on the activities of the Department and the Virginia Aviation Board. (See attached)

The Honorable Whittington W. Clement, Secretary of Transportation, spoke briefly on budget issues and the General Aviation Security Initiatives.

Mr. Cliff Burnette, DOAV, mentioned that he had updated the Board on the General Aviation Voluntary Airport Security Certification Program at the Board Workshop on Tuesday, and reminded everyone that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) now has a secure hotline for general aviation: 866-GACURE. He also mentioned that he and Mr. Macfarlane had attended the Aviation Security Conference in Washington on issues affecting Virginia's GA airports, and that TSA had announced that they should have some instructions for GA airports by the middle of January 2003. He also mentioned that the aviation community has until February 2003 to send comments to the TSA on the proposed 96,000-pound rule (Aircraft having a Gross Takeoff Weight of 96,000 lbs. and over, including passengers, must be screened). He also stressed how important it was for Virginia airports to participate in DOAV's security program once it has received funding approval. The Board is 100% behind this project and encourages all airports to participate.

Mr. William Kehoe, VAB, gave a brief update on the VTRANS 2025 Multimodal Plan. (See attached.)

Mr. Jim Bland, DOAV, discussed the recommended guidelines for Maintenance Equipment Storage Design Buildings. The Board approved the guidelines. Mr. Mazza asked the Department to make recommendations, at the next meeting, for a standard maintenance building, including construction cost estimates, as a guideline for the Board, and for airport sponsors and consultants.

Chairman Ramsey asked the Board to adopt a resolution authorizing the Chairman and/or the DOAV Director to execute such documents as necessary to transfer no longer needed funds (approximately \$3.4 million) to an Escrow Agent under appropriate terms and conditions, including necessary fees, for the purpose of reducing bonded indebtedness related to airport improvement projects funded through bonds issued by the Virginia Resources Authority, contingent on the availability of such funds in the Governor's amendments to the State budget bill. The Board approved this resolution.

The attached memoranda from Mr. Swain describe the projects and funding that were approved by the Board. Aviation Special Fund projects and funding were approved subject to the availability of funds.

Mr. Leo Schefer, WATF, introduced Mr. Scott McCue, TSA, at Washington Dulles, to discuss the Air Carrier Airport Security. Mr. McCue discussed TSA's efforts to integrate security into the airline industry and into the business of airports.

Mr. Ramsey called for Board member reports.

Mr. Charles Macfarlane, Director DOAV, discussed the Chapter 11 Bankruptcies filed by United Air Lines and US Airways, and their possible effects on Virginia's Air Carrier Airports and on the traveling public.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTACHMENTS